

REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 10, 2006, claims 1-21 and 23-39 were subject to a Restriction Requirement. The claims were restricted as follows:

Invention I: Claims 1, 2, 8-21 and 25-39, drawn to an elongated stabilization device, classified in class 606, subclass 61

Invention II: Claim 23, drawn to a drill, classified in class 606, subclass 80

Invention III: Claim 24, drawn to an insertion instrument, classified in class 606, subclass 99

Applicant hereby elects Invention I including claims 1, 2, 8-21, and 25-39, without traverse.

Although directed to a different species, it is further submitted that the withdrawn claims 3-7 are directed to Invention I, and claims 3-7 should be re-instated upon allowance of claim 1.

Reconsideration of the present application as amended and including claims 1-21 and 23-39 is respectfully requested. The application is believed in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited. The Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues with respect to the present application.

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